

## GUARDING A WHISKY FORTRESS

The Precautions Taken in England to Secure Payment of Duty.

It may be truthfully asserted that there are few places on the face of the earth which are guarded with the unceasing diligence and the constant watchfulness bestowed upon a whisky fortress. The many millions of pounds which every year fall into the national purse from the duty on spirits, and the paramount necessity of jealously nursing such a fruitful source of revenue, have resulted in the establishment of a system of inspection which appears to be as perfect as human brain can devise.

In order that the readers of *Tit-Bits* may gather some idea of the value of whisky from a fiscal point of view, it will be sufficient to state that the duty on a single large cask of the spirit will amount to as much as seventy or eighty pounds.

These casks are stored by the hundred in huge warehouses, of which by far the larger proportion are situated in Scotland and Ireland. We propose to relate a few of the extraordinary precautions which are practised to defend these strongholds against the attacks of the enemy.

To do this more effectually, we will imagine ourselves as forming part of an invading army, intending, if possible, to carry the fortress by assault, or, that failing, to accomplish our purpose by stratagem.

Let us reconnoitre. The object of our attack is a solid stone building, surrounded by a high wall. Every window is fortified by solid iron bars, deeply fixed in the masonry. Behind these bars comes a further protection in the shape of strong iron netting. So fine are the meshes, that it is impossible to insert even the little finger. Every opening in the walls is similarly guarded.

The door is equally secure. A heavy iron bar stretches across the portals; it is carefully locked and bolted. Let us take a peep through the grating. As far as the eye can reach in the dimly lighted interior arise row upon row of casks. Each tier consists of three different sizes, piled one on top of the other. The largest casks, each containing about 120 gallons, are placed at the bottom. Above these is imposed a second row of about half the size, and at the top a third series of still smaller ones. Her Majesty's Government will draw £50,000 from the contents of this one building alone.

Presently a sentry comes along jingling a huge bunch of keys. He unlocks the door, and takes his stand in front of it. He is forbidden to leave his post under pain of dismissal. Lynx-eyed and watchful, he scans everybody and everything that approaches the gate of his citadel. He takes a most minute account of every barrel that enters or leaves the premises.

To keep these sentries up to their work a staff of superior officers is maintained, whose duty it is, by making calls at all manner of unexpected times, to see that the regulations are strictly observed.

But this is not all. Lest both officer and sentry should fail to exercise due diligence, a third line of defence has been established. This consists of a higher grade of travelling officials who make sudden and unannounced visits at all hours of the day and night.

In addition to these safeguards, there is an ingenious system of locks and labels, by which any attempt to tamper with fastenings can be unerringly discovered. Extraordinary precautions are taken to preserve the keys of the fortress, the sentry not being allowed to leave them out of his sight for a minute.

Finally, there is a code of regulations of the most severe and drastic character it is possible to imagine. Indeed, to judge by the tremendous efforts which are made to insure that the national purse shall obtain its due, it would appear as doubtful to steal the crown jewels themselves as to abstract of gallon of whisky from a whisky fortress.



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